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Examiner : Annette Fredricka Dixon  
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**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated March 5, 2007, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on April 28, 2007 (Saturday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

Claims 66-71 and 73-78 are pending and were rejected. The Examiner rejected claims 66, 67, 71, 73, 74 and 78 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,820,614, issued to Bonutti. The Examiner rejected claims 68-70 and 75-77 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Bonutti in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,607,386 issued to Flam. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

Applicant previously submitted, on September 27, 2006, a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 establishing that Bonutti is not a prior art reference under Section 102(e) or Section 103(a). Under Section 1.131, an Applicant can overcome a prior art reference by showing either (i) conception prior to the effective date and due diligence between just prior to the effective date